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SUBJECT: PUBLICATION OF DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL'S LETTER TO
WILLIAM HIGGS

1. INFLUENTIAL DAILY EXCELSIOR ON APRIL 12 UNDER MAIN
HEADLINE "US READY TO NEGOTIATE AGAIN ON ECONOMIC CHARTER:
WOODRUFF" (REFERENCE IS TO CERDS) PUBLISHED TEXT OF LETTER
FROM ARTHUR H. WOODRUFF TO HEAD OF SO-CALLED "COMMITTEE
FOR AN OPEN SOCIETY", WILLIAM HIGGS. (TEXT OF ARTICLE
WILL BE POUCHED TO ARA/MEX.) EMBASSY UNABLE TO DETERMINE
ACCURACY OF TEXT BUT EXCEPT FOR POSSIBLE GARBLES OR FAULTY
TRANSLATION, BELIEVES TEXT IS PROBABLY ACCURATE REPRODUCTION
OF LETTER.

2. TREATMENT OF LETTER BY EXCELSIOR COULD LEAD SOME
TO BELIEVE US IS INITIATING PROPOSALS OR REOPENING ISSUES
(SUCH AS CERDS), THOUGH CAREFUL READING OF TEXT MAKES
CLEAR THIS IS NOT THE CASE.

3. COMMENT: AS EMBASSY HAS INFORMED DEPARTMENT EARLIER,
WILLIAM HIGGS' LETTERS AND STATEMENTS RECEIVE MUCH GREATER
ATTENTION IN MEXICO (AND PERHAPS ELSEWHERE IN LA) THAN THE
NOMINAL NATURE OF HIS "COMMITTEE" WOULD SEEM TO
WARRANT. ACCORDINGLY, WHEN DEPARTMENT COMMUNICATES
WITH HIGGS, IT SHOULD BE AWARE THAT SUCH
COMMUNICATIONS MAY BE HEADLINED IN MEXICAN PRESS AND
THAT TEXTS ARE SUSCEPTIBLE TO DISTORTION,
MISINTERPRETATION, AND MISTRANSLATION.

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